

Memoranda

Hair Rock and
Prince Islet, San
Miguel Is, Calif.
May 15, 1968

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Land Hare Is. 1335-

coll. 1 Willet, 1 Cassin's
1 Brandt's Cormorant offshore.

Western Gull Fresh 3 eggs.

IXI

nest w 2 eggs
I

nest w/ 1 egg
II

3 empty nests

7-8 Black by water catchers
on island, apparently
not nesting. Only
nest - 2 also nesting.

Hare Island is only
a small rocky out-
crop with no soil
for burrowing alcids.
No evidence of Cormorants
resting on it. Flock
of ca. 40 W. Gulls
maintain flight over
it or perch.

Depart 1430 15 May

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43-44 Harbour Seals
on NE corner of
San Miguel.

+ 11 more = 54-55

Checked many coves
along NE for
Pigeons, Guillemots
nests, but no luck.
Birds on rocks
and sitting in pairs
offshore -

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Land 1800 small
cone (Rocky) on SE corner.

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Cormorants

Primarily Brandts'

small colony ca. 30 pair on E Point
all nests empty save 3 - 2 w 2,
1 w 1.

colony of ca. 300 on E end
4 nests w 1, 1 w 2 eggs
west. Gulls swoop in and
eat the eggs as soon as cormor-
ants get off them.

Rest of large colonies
not disturbed.

Estimated 5000 birds
on island, primarily
on E side in scattered
colonies.

Colony of ca. 30 pairs
of double crested on
top SE end nesting
in prickly pear cactus.
1, 2, 3 + 1 ~~over~~ 89 nests.

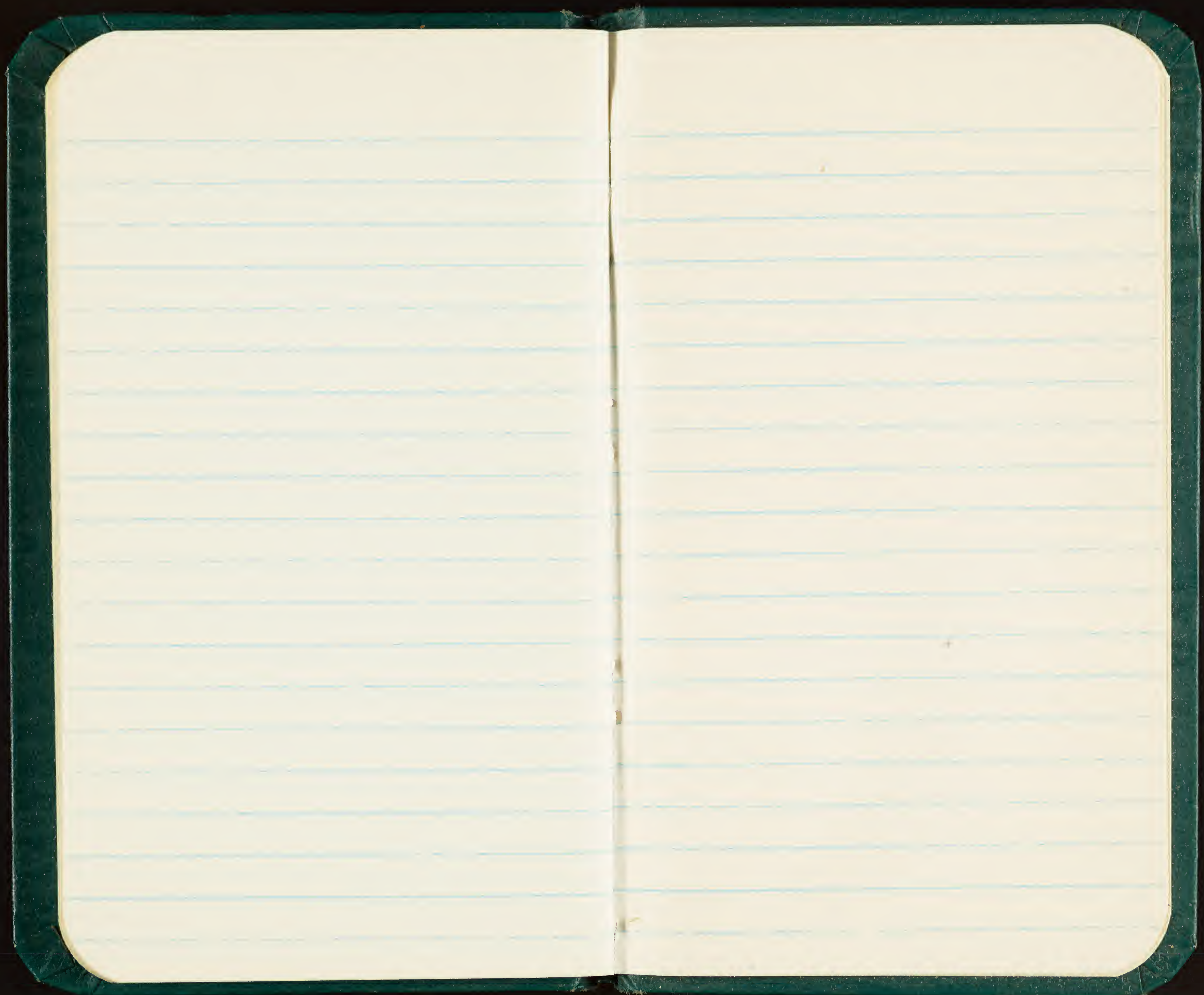
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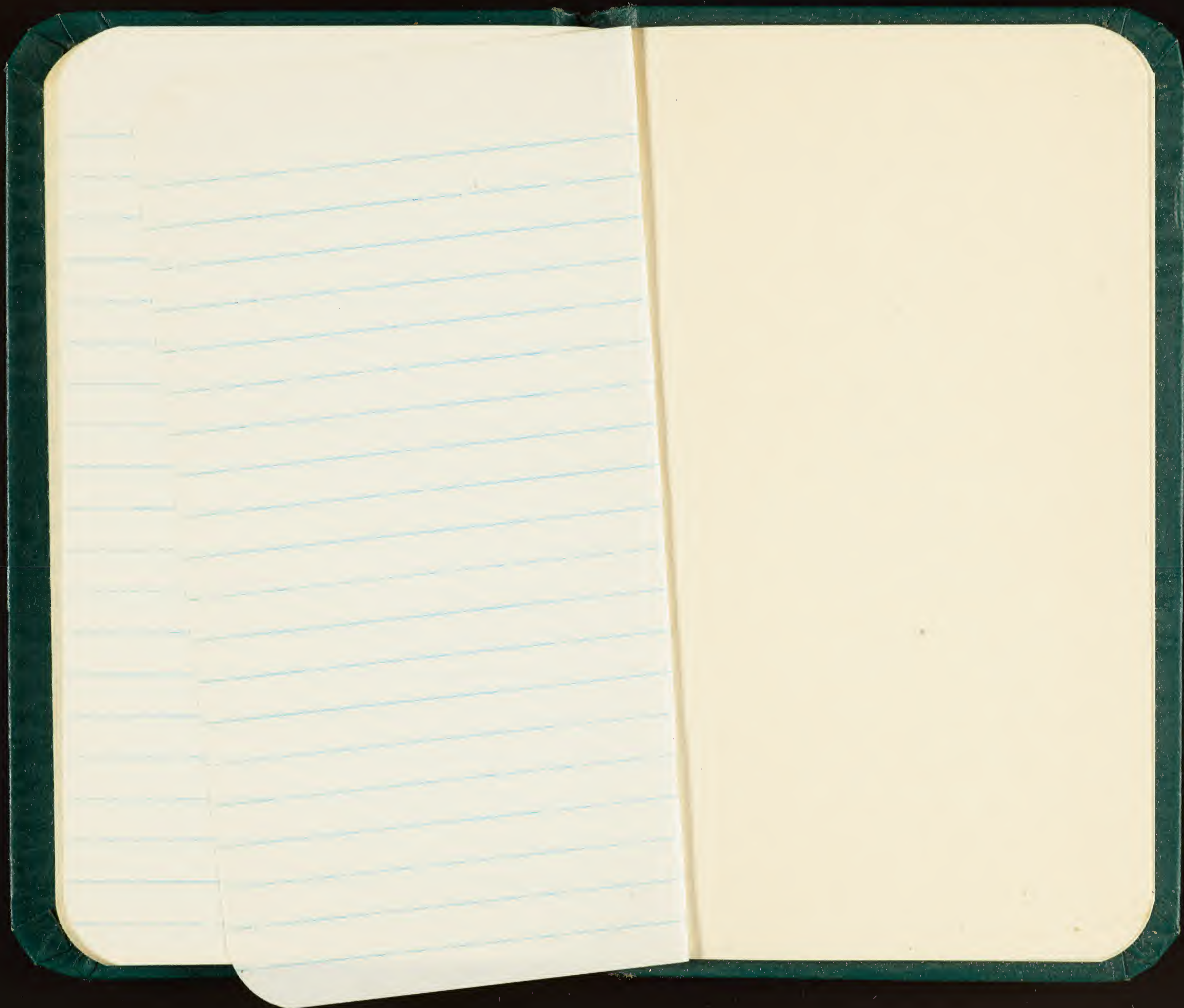
Dug a few Cassin's Auklets
out - one parent in cavity
w/o eggs. Another w a
young 7 day? old chick
and next to it a full
grown chick with some
down still adhering.

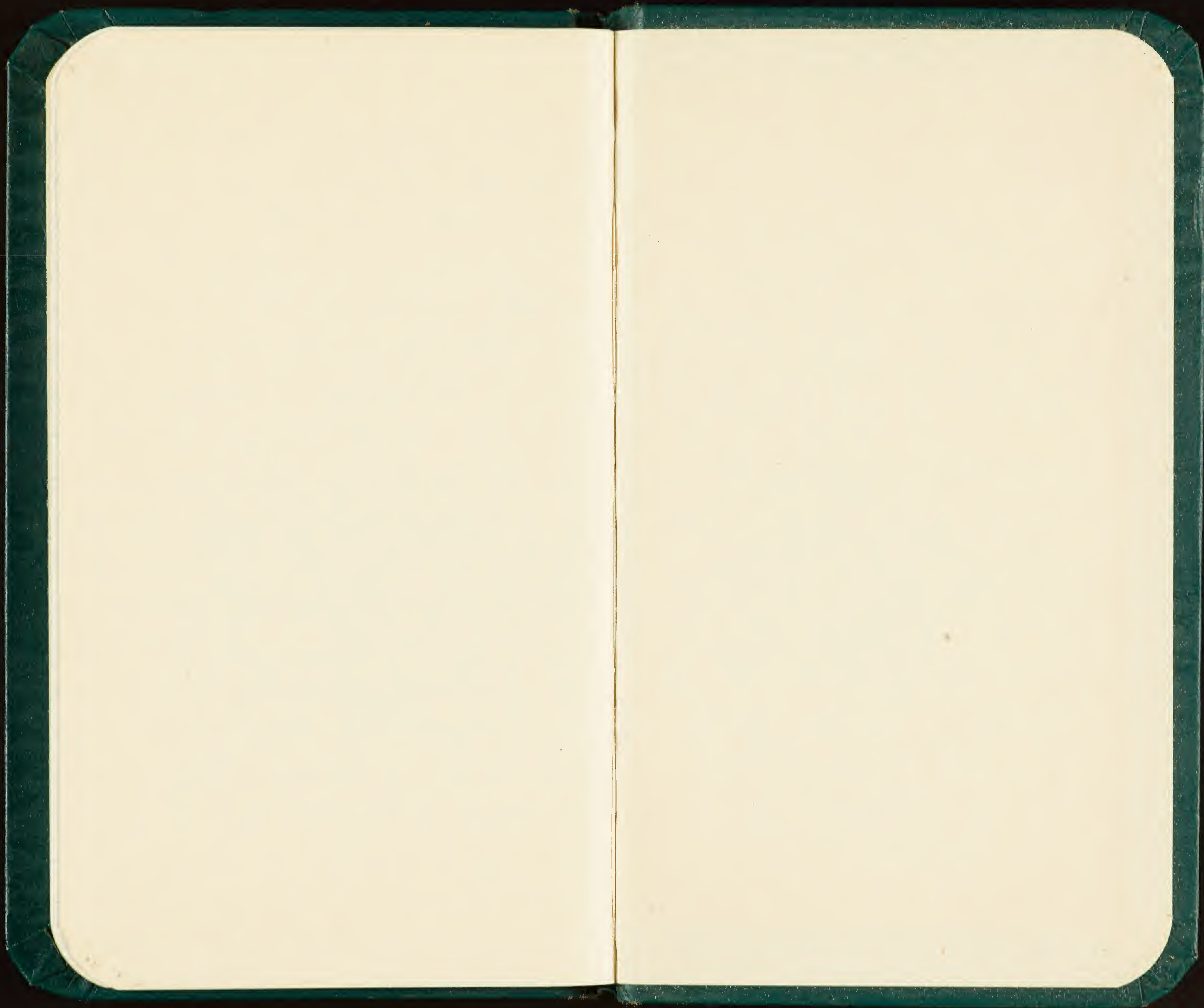
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Western Gulls

nesting primarily on
top mesa + west side.
in squishy plant cover
estimated 95 to nests
with fresh to slight
incub 3 egg sets.

ca. 20 broken to deter-
mine incub. + no
hard feelings after seeing
these bastards strip a
cormorant colony of
every egg.







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